

Lethal drugs to Covid patients, the Head of Montichiari Carlo Mosca arrested. The Investigating Judge: "Willingness to kill"

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“It must be considered that Mosca has administered the mentioned drugs not because of an intolerable lightness, imprudence or as a result of an inexcusable inexperience, but in full awareness of the assumptions of his conduct and with the will to kill.” **It is a very heavy accusation that the judge**

of the court of Brescia moves against Carlo Mosca, head physician of the hospital of Montichiari, in the province of Brescia, arrested and under house arrest for voluntary homicide and forgery. According to the investigators, the doctor, 47 years old, born in Cremona and resident in Mantua, administered lethal drugs to two patients suffering from covid who died in mid-March, during the most acute phase of the pandemic that has affected the province of Brescia.

Who are the two victims

One victim is 61 years old, who died on March 20, and the other is 80, who died on March 22. For the prosecution, the chief of the hospital's emergency department, which is connected to the Spedali Civili of Brescia, administered Propofol and Succinylcholine, two drugs with an anaesthetic and neuromuscular blocking effect that are usually used in the phase immediately preceding the sedation and intubation of the patient. In the course of the investigation, born from the complaint of a nurse of the same hospital of Monteclearense, three corpses were exhumed. While four deaths ended up under the magnifying glass, in one case the corpse was cremated. The autopsies, carried out by forensic physicians from the University of Padua, revealed the presence of anaesthetic and muscle relaxant drugs in the tissues and organs, which are supposed to be administered according to a strict protocol.

Risk of repetition of the crime

In the patient's medical record, however, the doctor had not reported the administration of those drugs. The judge ordered the arrest because there would be the risk of recurrence of the crime. "I'm not up for killing patients just because he wants to free some beds," reads one of the

messages in the acts of the investigation, written via WhatsApp, by a nurse to a colleague. "I'm not up for it, this is crazy," the colleague replies, talking about the doctor's decision to have the two drugs usually used before intubating a patient prepared. In the meantime, the management of the Spedali Civili di Brescia has suspended the head of the Montichiari emergency department from duty. "ASST Spedali Civili is collaborating with the Public Prosecutor's Office, which is conducting the investigation, in the hope that the facts will quickly be clarified," explains the management of the Civile.

The doctor defends himself

The doctor, who already knew about the investigations having had the possibility to appoint his own consultant on the occasion of the exhumation of the corpses, defends himself: "I deny administering those drugs" he explains through the lawyers Elena Frigo and Michele Bontempi. The interrogation of guarantee has not yet been fixed. "We hope he can speak as soon as possible and - the defenders add - clarify his position". For the judge, "Mosca could not have failed to know, by virtue of his specialisation and expertise, that neither Propofol nor, a fortiori, Succinylcholine were covered by the sedation protocols in pain therapy."

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